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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1912.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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TOWN NOTES.

A power dough mixing machine has been installed at Coldren's bakery.

A regular meeting of the Fire Company will be held Thursday evening, March 7. The firemen have arranged for a smoker in honor of the 25 new members, who recently joined the company. The smoker will follow the business meeting. A short miscellaneous program has been arranged. Plans to improve the firemen's headquarters are being carried out. During the past month twenty-four attractive chairs have been bought, the pool table has been recovered, flags have been purchased to decorate the hall, and two tables have been ordered. Other improvements to be carried into effect during the coming spring include the varnishing of the interior of the hall. A full attendance is expected at Thursday's meeting.

Town Council met Friday evening. Burgess H. H. Fetterolf reported that he had appointed on the true commission, provided at the last meeting of council, Prof. W. A. Kline, F. J. Clamer and A. D. Fetterolf. A resolution was passed providing that when a member elected to council fails to qualify or take his seat within 60 days, the seat shall be declared vacant, and that the position of any councilman who absents himself from two consecutive meetings without sufficient excuse, shall be declared vacant. It was decided to put cinders on Third avenue from Main street to Park avenue. Council has decided not to make any permanent improvements to First and Second avenues, as these roads are among those that will be rebuilt by the State.

George Schall, an employee of George F. Clamer, who was operated upon at Charity Hospital, Norristown, for appendicitis, nearly two months ago, is slowly recovering. He was removed to the home of his father in Norristown, Saturday.

Wm. B. Umstead has resigned at Coldren's bakery, after being a teamster there for almost six years. John Coldren will drive the team until he has another teamster. It is reported that Mr. Umstead has accepted a position in New Jersey.

I. H. Haldeman, of Lederach, was in town, Thursday, attending to his duties as Mercantile Appraiser of Montgomery county.

Rev. G. R. Riffert, of Locustdale, called at The Independent office, Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Miller spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Warren Thompson, of Philadelphia, was in town Thursday.

Howard Youcum, of Oaks, was in town, Tuesday.

W. P. Fenton has purchased a Ford runabout from Landes Brothers of York.

Dr. Alex. Cornish, of Phoenixville, spent Sunday with his brother Dr. S. D. Cornish.

Mrs. Bauer and Miss Mae Clamer spent Sunday at Conshohocken, visiting Mrs. Streep.

Mrs. Merkel, of Philadelphia, visited friends in town over Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Katharine Custer is spending the week at Atlantic City.

Mrs. John Vanderslice spent last week visiting relatives in Swarthmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Abendschein, of Quakertown, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Pitzer.

William Gordon, of Reading, visited here on Saturday.

Dr. Henry Bower, formerly of this borough, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. George Clamer entertained the Theban Club Friday evening.

Mrs. John Barrett winning the prize.

J. L. Bechtel's garage is nearly completed.

Mr. Frank Brunst, of Fagleyville, was in town, Wednesday.

A meeting of the local W. C. T. U. was held, Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jerome Bordner.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sara Longstreth; vice-president, Mrs. R. P. Bean; recording secretary, Mrs. Judith Stoner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Longstreth; treasurer, Mrs. Wanner.

The condition of Samuel Beyers is somewhat improved.

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR.

F. C. Prizer, collector of taxes of this borough, has appointed H. J. Saylor deputy tax collector to collect taxes from school and county taxes remaining unpaid. As one of the bondsmen for the collector it has become absolutely necessary for Mr. Saylor to collect all taxes due without delay.

Cars Derailed Near Perkiomen Junction.

Three cars were derailed early Friday morning in the deep cut at Perkiomen Junction, and were pulled for a short distance over the rails. The train was immediately stopped and a crew of men was sent to assist in replacing the cars on the rails. The wreck train was pulled from Reading and responded promptly. The traffic was not delayed.

Farm Sold.

Alex. Tyson's farm of 70 acres, near Schwenksville, has been sold through Frank Kalk's farm agency to Matthew Dwyer, of New York.

DEATHS.

Horace Ashenfelter.
Horace Ashenfelter, a life-long citizen of Upper Providence, died Sunday evening at his home near the Quaker meetinghouse in Upper Providence township, aged 59 years and 1 month. Mr. Ashenfelter's death was primarily caused by a rare ailment—the rupturing of small blood vessels in different parts of the body, due to a very unusual condition of the blood. On Sunday afternoon his case was somewhat hopeful, but toward evening he again relapsed into an alarming condition and the end soon came. A little over two weeks ago he attended and took a very lively interest in the Farmers' Institute at Trappe, and up to about a week prior to his death he appeared to be in his usual good health. Deceased leaves six daughters and three sons—Hannah, Amy, Mabel, Eva, George, Pearl, and Henry, Horace and Bertram. Also three brothers—John Ashenfelter of Collegeville, Dr. W. J. Ashenfelter of Pottstown, and A. J. Ashenfelter of Ironbridge. The funeral will be held on Thursday of this week. All services at St. Luke's church, Trappe, at 2.30 p. m. Interment at the Mennonite cemetery near York. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge. The death of Horace Ashenfelter removes a kind father and a very useful citizen from the activities of life. Some years ago he was one of the Supervisors of Upper Providence, and at the time of his death was a Director of the National Bank of Royersford, and a Director of the Ridge Avenue Market Company. He was largely and successfully engaged in farming operations and devoted considerable attention to peach, pear, and other fruit culture. Though he had many duties to perform, he found time to participate in every movement about home to better farming conditions and always gave intelligent and cheerful assistance whenever possible for him to do so. He was rather a leader, and a follower, and was ever ready to act with energy along progressive lines. While his death is an irreparable loss to his family, it will miss him for a long time to come.

Funeral of Henry Steinbright.
The funeral of Henry Steinbright, late of Blue Bell, was held at his home, Friday morning, and interment was made in the cemetery of St. Luke's Reformed church, Saturday morning. Mr. Steinbright was a carpenter by trade. He was known to a number of people in this section. His widow, Isabelle Weikel Steinbright, is a sister of James K. Weikel, of Trappe.

Sudden Death.

William Duckworth, aged 77 years, of Linfield, was suddenly stricken with heart failure, last Thursday morning, at Saylor's lumber yard, Pottstown. He was taken to the Pottstown hospital, where he died in the evening of the same day.

Deceased was a carpenter by trade. He had driven to Pottstown to buy lumber. The funeral was held on Sunday, with interment in Oakview cemetery, Pottstown. Funeral Director F. W. Shalkop had charge.

Infant.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hiberger died at Pottstown on Saturday. Interment was made in St. Luke's cemetery, Trappe, on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hiberger formerly resided at "Township line." Mr. Hiberger was then employed at John Custer's bakery.

Crescent Society Meets Saturday.

Crescent Literary Society will hold its regular meeting on Saturday evening, March 9, at 8 o'clock. The program follows: Recitations, John Milligan, Martha Farnous; readings, Wallace Dannewer, Mary Greenly, Howard Farnous; instrumental solo, Tyson Allebach; vocal solo, Sadie Reed; dialogue; Gazette, editor, Eula Hilborn, assistant editor, Eva Groff, contributors, Amos Ellis, Abram Jones, Oliver K. Grimley. The society wishes all members and friends to be present.

Engine of the Track.

The southbound train on the Perkiomen railroad, due here at 8.05, was delayed by an accident at Spring Mount, Tuesday night. Three wheels of the engine left the track. The train was about an hour and a half late when it arrived at Collegeville.

Glorious News.

comes from Dr. J. T. Curtis, Dwight, Kan. He writes: "I not only have cured bad cases of eczema in my patients with Electric Bitters, but also cured myself of them of the same disease. I feel sure they will benefit any case of eczema." This shows what thousands have proved, that Electric Bitters is a most effective blood purifier. It's an excellent remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, builds digestion, builds up the strength. Price 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by William M. Hill, druggist, Collegeville, and by M. T. Hussler, Ironbridge.

Minister's Voice Falls.

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STRONG SCHEDULES
FOR URSINUS TEAMS

Football and Baseball Games Have Been Arranged for Ursinus' Teams. Best in Years.

The Athletic Committee of Ursinus College have raffied the baseball and football schedules for 1912. The arrangement of games in both departments of athletics is better adapted to the requirements of the college than any for some years.

In baseball Ursinus will play Princeton, Pennsylvania, Rutgers, and P. and M., away from home; Lehigh and Gettysburg, in Collegeville; and two games with Swarthmore, Albright and Villa Nova. Dickinson has been dropped. Here is the schedule:

Sat., Mar. 23, Princeton at Princeton.

Sat., Mar. 30, Lebanon Valley at Collegeville.

Wed., Apr. 10, Temple at Collegeville.

Sat., Apr. 13, Villa Nova at Collegeville.

Wed., Apr. 17, Lehigh at Collegeville.

Sat., Apr. 20, Penn. at Franklin Field.

Wed., Apr. 24, Gettysburg at Collegeville.

Sat., May 4, 10.30 a. m., Rutgers at New Brunswick. 3 p. m., Seaton Hall at South Orange.

Wed., May 8, Villa Nova at Villa Nova.

Sat., May 11, Swarthmore at Collegeville.

Wed., May 15, Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster.

Sat., May 18, Albright at Myerstown.

Thurs., May 23, Seaton Hall at Collegeville.

Sat., May 25, Swarthmore at Swarthmore.

Thurs., May 30, Lafayette at Easton.

Sat., June 1, Albright at Collegeville.

Oct. 3, Uni. Penna. at Franklin Field.

Oct. 12, Gettysburg at Collegeville.

Oct. 19, Lafayette at Easton.

Oct. 26, Lehigh at South Bethlehem.

Nov. 2, Swarthmore at Collegeville.

Nov. 9, Lebanon Valley at Collegeville.

Nov. 16, Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster.

Nov. 23, Muhlenberg at Allentown.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The Glee Club's annual concert will be given next Tuesday evening.

The clubs have met with success in their efforts in eastern Pennsylvania and the program is said to be of the best for some years. The price of admission is 25 cents.

On Thursday night, March 14, the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest will be held at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. A. M. Billman, '12, the winner of last year's Junior Oratorical Contest, will represent Ursinus. His oration is, "The Man Behind the Bars." Contestants will represent the following colleges: Lafayette, Ursinus, Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall. Last year the contest was held at Ursinus.

Dr. Charles R. Atkinson has been granted a leave of absence to teach government and politics at Oberlin College, next summer.

F. J. CLAMER'S HORSE BROKE LEG IN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

As the result of an unfortunate mishap a valuable 8-year-old black mare belonging to F. J. Clamer had to be killed, Tuesday night.

The horse was driven by Wm. Rodenbach, an employee of Mr. Clamer, in company with Milton Rodenbach. They were returning from Providence Square, about 8 o'clock. The animal was a spirited one and Mr. Rodenbach was having some difficulty to control her. In shifting the lines to secure a firm grip, a line slipped from his heavily gloved hands and the animal was pulled sharply to one side, overturning the wagon. Both young men were thrown out but escaped injury. The driver made a determined effort to regain the lines and succeeded. However, the horse tore loose from the wagon, became unmanageable and plunged to the opposite side of the road and ran into a ditch. In so doing a hind leg was broken and the horse was dispatched.

Himes' Livery Business Sold.

A Mr. Jones, of Conshohocken, has purchased the livery stand at the Railroad House, Collegeville, from Lorenzo Himes. Mr. Himes will sell his entire outfit at public sale on Wednesday, March 27. Mr. Himes has not decided on his future business. He is thinking of taking a western trip.

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BIG DECREASE IN
MONTGOMERY FARMS

Census Report Shows There Are 176 Less Farms in This County Than in 1900. Other Interesting Figures.

The number of farms in Montgomery county, according to the report of the Census Bureau, is 3674, which is 176 less than at the previous census in 1900. The total acreage of the farms in the county is 154,439, of which 137,041 is improved land. The valuation is \$21,938,449. Of the total number of farms 3538 are owned land while 146 are owned and hired. The tillers of the soil are 3307 native white, 392 foreign-born and five negroes.

The number of farms free of mortgage is 1698 while 1911 have mortgages. The total amount of mortgage debt is \$375,089.

Of the 3674 farms which a report was obtained as to the cost of operating, \$1,188,046 was expended in each for labor and \$327,278 for rent and board furnished. The cost for feed on 4054 farms was \$1,235,704; for fertilizer, \$261,840 on 3171 farms.

The principal crops were found to be: Corn, 1,178,902 bushels, grown on 36,376 acres; oats, 146,127 bushels, grown on 16,936 acres; wheat, 418,635 bushels, grown on 21,653 acres; buckwheat, 569 bushels, grown on 42 acres; rye, 161,476 bushels, grown on 10,365 acres; potatoes, 334,124 bushels, grown on 57,433 acres; tobacco, 7210 pounds, grown on 5 acres.

The total hay and forage crop was 98,388 tons, grown on 65,106 acres. Of this total 34,609 tons was timothy grown on 24,701 acres; 38,021 tons of timothy and clover mixed, grown on 30,055 acres; 1775 tons of clover on 248 acres; 328 tons of millet or Hungarian grass, grown on 198 acres; 7264 tons of other tame or cultivated grass, grown on 6149 acres; 12,288 tons of coarse forage, grown on 1180 acres; and 1920 tons of all other hay and forage grown 1269 acres.

MISS BOLTON WAS MARRIED LAST JUNE.

Announcement was made last week that Miss Stella Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Bolton, of Collegeville, was married last June to Levi V. Davidheiser, a student at Ursinus College, and at one time principal of the Skipack Grammar school, where his bride, then Miss Bolton, has been very successful primary teacher for a number of years. The ceremony was performed Saturday, June 17, in Wilmington, Del., by the Rev. George Lewis Wolf, D. D. Since the wedding Mrs. Davidheiser has continued to hold her position as teacher until last week. Mr. and Mrs. Davidheiser are preparing to go to housekeeping, having rented a portion of Miss Mary Fox's house on First avenue, Collegeville.

BUNGALOW COLONY FOR ALCOLA.

It is expected that during the summer a number of bungalows will be erected on the west bank of the Perkiomen above Keyser's mills, between Arcola and Oaks. Isaac Rhoades, of Trappe, has been engaged to survey a number of lots.

As reported in The Independent last spring, John Manning, of Philadelphia, and other parties, had purchased the large ice house of the Hancock Ice Company, situated at that point, intending to remove the ice house and erect summer cottages. For some reason these operations have been delayed, but it is expected that the coming spring and summer will see them on the road to completion. The work of demolishing the ice house has already been begun.

Montgomery Court Upheld in School Tuition Case.

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania on Friday affirmed the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county in the case of the School District of the borough of Norristown vs. Upper Merion Township School District. The decision means that heat and light shall not be included in the budget of expense of running a high school where furning on the cost of tuition to pay pupils—those coming from outside districts for education. In other words "tuition" does not include the items of expense other than the salaries of teachers and the purchase of school books.

Surveying New Trolley Route.

An engineer is at work surveying the right-of-way for the trolley road to connect Spring City with Pottstown. The route to Linfield has now been completed. The route passes up the Chester county side from Spring City to a point opposite the Linfield station of the Reading Railway Company. The line will there cross the Schuylkill river, and a bridge of the most modern design will be erected.

Repels Attack of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malatiah, Cal. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to take the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for to-day I am working and I believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." It is folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at William M. Hill's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hussler's store, Ironbridge.

MAY FORM LOCAL
BASEBALL LEAGUE

Establishment of Six Competing Teams in Lower End of Perkiomen Valley Much to be Desired.

During the present winter faint rumors of the establishment of a baseball league among the boroughs and villages of the middle section of Montgomery county have been circulated. It is time now for the project to crystallize. There is total need in this end of the Perkiomen Valley of a friendly local rivalry. It would prove stimulating in more ways than one.

Trappe, Schwenksville, Limerick, Arcola and Skipack supported fairly strong teams last summer and there is no reason why Collegeville should not spunk up and get busy too. Here are six teams which might be included in this Middle Montgomery League:

Collegeville

Trappe

Limerick

Arcola and Oaks

Schwenksville

Skipack

The Independent desires to hear personally from young men in these places who would be interested in forming a baseball league.

Why do boys and young men leave farm or village homes for less healthful lives in large towns and cities? The answer is often found in the fact that the centers of population offer large opportunities. But desire for financial gain is not always the only motive that leads boys and young men to turn their backs on the glorious life of the country. The social element is of ten very strong. There is not enough "doing" to keep one awake. The only sport available is enjoyed by proxy, through reading of games in newspapers. A baseball league would furnish abundant excitement throughout this section every Saturday afternoon.

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHANGES.

The annual conference of the United Evangelical church was held at Allentown, last week. The appointments were made known on Sunday. Comparatively very few changes were made. Rev. Youcum, pastor of the Trappe, Limerick and Zieglerville charges, will go to Plymouth Meeting, this county. He will be succeeded by Rev. C. M. Bethers, who comes from Pennbrook, near Harrisburg. Other appointments of interest to local residents are those of Rev. G. R. Riffert, who was returned to Locustdale, Rev. H. P. Hagner, returned to Crisswell and Rev. A. W. Brownmiller returned to Christ's church, Philadelphia. These three ministers at various times held the local charge.

The church at Spring City will be sold. The last minister in charge there was Rev. Jacobs, a student at Ursinus College. A rule was adopted that two full years service shall be rendered by every young minister before he can be admitted to the ministry. Four preachers died last year. During the year there was raised for the home conference \$18,160.50; and for missionary purposes, \$91,731.74.

Meeting of School Directors' Association.

A meeting of the School Directors' Association of Montgomery county will be held Thursday, March 14, at the high school building in Souderton. Directors are urged to attend this spring meeting. The program includes a discussion on "What can a Home and School Association do for Bettering School Conditions?" led by Dr. S. L. Messinger, of Trappe, and Frank S. Brandt, of Lower Providence. There will be a morning and afternoon session.

Royersford Girl's Heroism Cost Her Life.

Efforts to save two younger children, in her charge, from being struck by an onrushing locomotive Thursday night cost Grace E. Farling, 15 years old, her life. Hesitating in the middle of the Pennsylvania railroad crossing at Spring City to render her companions aid and to finally assure herself of their safety, the Farling girl was unable to follow them in time to avoid death.

Miss Farling was struck and killed by a freight train shortly after 8 o'clock. She died shortly after being admitted to the Phoenixville hospital, to which town she was rushed by special train over the Pennsylvania line. The gates at the crossing were down, but in her hurry to cross, the girl, with her companions, walked around them.

Divorces Granted.

Paul Grimes, of Pottstown, was granted a divorce from Margaret May Grimes on the ground of desertion, at Norristown, Monday. Her reason for leaving him was that he was working at Lebanon, a place she admitted she did not like, and her desire to return to Pottstown.

Mary Clark, of Cheltenham, was granted a divorce from her husband, Thomas Clark, also on the ground of desertion.

Others divorced were Annie C. Lear, of Royersford, from William S. Lear, and Frances C. Luper, of Pottstown, from Donald Luper.

Nineteen Miles a Second

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such a speed of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No gripping, no distress, just thorough work that brings good health and fine feelings. 50c. at Wm. M. Hill's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hussler's store, Ironbridge.

CANDIDATES FOR
THE LEGISLATURE

J. H. Bartman Candidate For Re-Election But Landes Wants to Come Back, too. Bergey Democratic Candidate.

John H. Bartman, of Collegeville, again will be a candidate for the legislature from this district. The information was given out, last week, in several of the newspapers of the district, that Mr. Bartman had decided to withdraw from the race. In response to a direct question, Saturday morning, Mr. Bartman informed the editor of The Independent that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination. He has served two terms.

H. Wilson Bergey, editor of the Lansdale Republican, announces in this issue his candidacy for the legislature in this district, subject to Democratic rules. The indications are that he will have the Democratic field to himself and that he will probably receive the nomination of the Keystone party.

That he would emulate Theodore Roosevelt, break tradition and "come back" is the report just out concerning Josiah Landis, who represented this district for three terms, previous to Mr. Bartman's incumbency. Note his card in another column.

Though Controller Jacobs gave it out during the recent campaign that Mr. Larzelere, then district attorney, was extravagant in having two assistants, and that, should he (Jacobs) be elected controller, but one assistant would be allowed, it was announced Saturday that the new public prosecutor, Conrad Sheive, will have two assistants.

Aubrey Anderson, of Conshohocken, has been chosen second assistant. A. H. Hendricks, of Collegeville, is first assistant. Under the law the District Attorney receives \$4000 a year, the first assistant receives \$1800 a year and the second assistant receives \$1200; but this same law says that the salary board must authorize the payment of the salaries. In this case the salary board is made up of Controller Jacobs and the three County Commissioners and the District Attorney.

The board voted 3 to 2 in favor of electing the second assistant.

"Mr. Jacobs is not the only one; I, too, am in it," was the comment of Coroner William Neville, when he read that during his year of service Mr. Jacobs has not taken any salary, but has actually paid some of the expenses of his office. Mr. Neville put forth his claim of being recognized fully as well as Dr. Jacobs as a philanthropist. He started in business as coroner of Montgomery county on Monday, January 1, and since that time the receipts flowing into his pocket have been insufficient to meet the outgo. During January he investigated 22 cases and received pay for four of them. Total returns for the month were about \$10, excluding the expenses of the four cases which were granted. The traveling expenses alone during this time, which were not granted, amounted to about \$18.

And the scrap goes merrily on. On Monday Coroner Neville submitted his report for February, having investigated 20 deaths and held 19 inquests. He presented his bill for these cases and stated emphatically that he will do his duty as he sees it and will not be deterred by the rejection of bills by the Controller. On the same day Jacobs made a statement in which he said "I care not for the platitudes of vacillating people no less than the carping of chronic critics, but feel I am made a scapegoat." He then goes on to explain in plaintive tones that the lawyers who advised him as to the course to take with the Coroner were responsible for his attitude toward that officer.

Mr. Kratz is Strong for Roosevelt.

C. Tyson Kratz, of Norristown, a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention, has requested the Commissioners of Montgomery and Bucks counties, with whom were filed petitions to place his name on the official ballots at the April primary, to attach the following words to his name, "Favors Theodore Roosevelt for President."

SYMPOSIUM ON WHITTIER.

On Friday evening, March 15, the Juniors and Seniors of Fairview School, Limerick, will give an entertainment and at the same time will present to the school a picture. The theme of the evening will be "The Whittier Centennial or Symposium on Whittier"—a centennial appreciation. The speakers, through their teacher, W. I. Kline, are putting forth every effort possible to make it a success. The following is the program: March, H. A. Vandercrook; Invocation, Rev. N. F. Schmidt; Music, C. E. Doble; The Whittier Centennial, Rosie Mastro; John Greenleaf Whittier, the Man, Henry Tyson; "Poet Laureate of Puritan New England," Edna Moser; The Homes of Whittier, Arthur Ricketts; Address, County Superintendent J. H. Horace Landis; "Read the 'Legend' of the Centennial," Viola Hargreaves; Overture, Geo. D. Barnard; Whittier's Heroes, Florence Smith; Presentation of Portrait to School, W. I. Kline; Acceptance for the Strong, Rev. N. F. Schmidt; Music, Roland F. Seitz. The price of admission is ten cents.

TRAPPE NEWS.

Town Council met Saturday evening. The passing of the ordinance ordaining two new streets in the upper end of the borough was delayed. A representative of the proposed trackless trolley line, to connect Trappe with Royersford, was present to determine the attitude of the borough fathers relative to the line. He received encouragement. The trolley company will ask for a franchise to use Cherry avenue in the event of that street being opened.

MR. ROOSEVELT, CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

THE appearance in the national political arena of Theodore Roosevelt, as a candidate for the Republican nomination to the Presidency, has aroused a tremendous amount of adverse criticism; for sufficient reason. Mr. Roosevelt has assumed a dangerous position, dangerous to the country, as well as more than dangerous to the record which he scored for himself when President. Like other men as great and greater than himself, he has been dazzled by the brilliance of his fame and notoriety, and wants more and more of it. The self-centered ego of the man has got the better of his judgement, and he is in mad quest of a restoration of Rooseveltian Presidential power—in the name of the people, of course. It cannot be gainsaid that Mr. Roosevelt is a man of good intentions, that he is a hyphenator of the people, and that he is one of the most cunning politicians of his day. But, he has come to regard himself as about the only man qualified to "cure the ills" of the nation and to seek at whatever cost the opportunity to apply his remedies. A good man with great ability, inflated with vanity and imbued with an insatiable greed for power, may easily be capable of doing more permanent harm to the people, than a whole army of men, inherently bad. Mr. Bryan is a good man, a very able individual, but he has done more than any other man in the United States in helping to delay for years the rescue of the people from the baneful operations of the most unrighteous and unjust tariff laws in the whole history of civilization. Bryan, first with his free-silver vagaries, and later with more vagaries mixed with good ideas, and his insistence upon himself as the only leader fit to lead, disrupted time and again the Democratic party.

There are a number of reasons why Theodore Roosevelt should not again become President of the United States.

First: He announced from the White House on November 4, 1904, that the three and a half years—which he felt he had to be by reason of the death of President McKinley—should "constitute my first term." He was nominated and elected to succeed himself for four years more—THE SECOND TERM. He also said: "The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination." Now he has broken his word (put it "changed his mind if you will) and would crush the "wise custom," and SPURN the unwritten law of our forefathers. A vain man indeed to claim more wisdom and greatness for himself than he would accord to a Washington or a Jefferson. The breaking of his word amounts to the violation of a custom sacred to the people since the days of more than a century ago when the patriots of the Revolution shed their blood for liberty and independence.

Second: Toward the end of his second term as President he threw the whole political power of his administration in favor of Wm. H. Taft and in due time forced Mr. Taft's nomination and helped to elect him as his successor in the Presidential office. It has been an almost unbroken rule for Presidents to receive a renomination from their political parties. President Taft has been a faithful Chief Executive and his administration has been alike clean and creditable. He has performed his duties faithfully and with quiet courage and firmness. If ever a Republican President deserved to be renominated by the Republican party, President Taft richly deserves that honor. Mr. Roosevelt's treatment of President Taft is both contemptible and reprehensible, in view of the relationship previously existing between the two men. Can it be that Mr. Roosevelt intended that Mr. Taft should fill the Presidential chair only four years, so that the maker and unmaker of Presidents could make himself President for a third term?

Third: That Columbus speech, of recent date, wherein Mr. Roosevelt made it clear that he would have the people set aside the Constitution and override the decisions of Supreme Courts whenever they choose to do so. That speech bristled with demagogism almost from start to finish. It was a deliverance that revealed the astounding audacity of the man obsessed with a determination to make a strong bid for more popularity—a strong bid for the Republican nomination to the Presidency.

There are other reasons that will be presented from time to time to show why Mr. Roosevelt should be defeated in his mad ambition to again pose "as a law unto himself" in the White House at Washington. This country is hardly ready yet to accept third, fourth, fifth, sixth (or more) term Presidents and dictators to use the power of the people to suit the dictators.

CORONER NEVILLE AND THE HIGH LORD OF THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Coroner Neville is entitled to the commiseration of the discerning and pitying public and something should be done in consideration of the disappointment weighing upon him and in thought of his unremunerative job. Since January he investigated 22 cases and received pay for four of them and the amount jotted down on the out-of-pocket page of his private ledger for the month is simply dismaying. Little wonder therefore that the Coroner should remind the public that the High Lord of the Controller's office is not the only official benefactor on the "Hill." Rather a peculiar situation: The High Lord donating his salary to the dear people's exchequer as an evidence of his deep regard for their financial welfare, and as evidence of some other things hardly necessary to mention—and the Coroner dissatisfied because his fees do not compensate him for his time and reimburse him for outlays made in serving the people. The situation is peculiar:—the High Lord of the Controller's office taking credit for donating to the public the lucre due him, and the Coroner complaining, and for good reason, that he is out in time and pocket for serving the same public. Really it is enough to make the burdened taxpayers of Montgomery county fall over each other, embrace each other, and holler loud enough to split the atmosphere, in giving rejoicing evidence of their good fortune! However, the rejoicing should be supplemented with some indication of a disposition to ask for a balancing up of the unusual situation. Wherefore, why not request the High Lord and the Coroner to swap positions? The Controller is a gentleman of wealth, worth perhaps \$500,000. The Coroner wasn't born under the twinklings of the right star, and must earn his living selling drugs, when not acting Coroner, and when doing Coroner service he must pay some one to hold down his business. Of course the High Lord has the advantage of the Coroner, but the Coroner can't help it. If he could perhaps he would pay the county a round sum for the privilege of serving the people and take his pay in installments of hot air. Now it should appear perfectly clear to the average observer that if the High Lord and the Coroner would swap both might really be happy—and happiness counts for something, too. If the exchange could not be made permanent a turn-about arrangement might be consummated: the Controller serving as Coroner for three months, and the Coroner as Controller for the same period, and so on. Such an arrangement would help the Coroner and not harm the Controller. In fact the change might make the Controller even more conspicuously benevolent. Perhaps in the course of time he would see his way clear to decide not only to perform the Coroner's duties for the love of the people, but also pay the Coroner in full for playing the role of Controller, and refuse to accept any remuneration for his services as Controller. The situation is peculiar—uneven and rocky with respect to the Coroner. Let there be a general appeal to the High Lord of the Controller's office to take just a little more "pity on the poor," and get the glory! And get the glory!

Farm and Garden

GOOD BACTERIA AND BAD.

Kind the Agricultural College Pupil Studies Help the Farmer.

When one realizes that the first six inches of soil on an acre of land will weigh 900 tons and that there are approximately 300,000,000 germs to the ounce of dry fertile soil, one may obtain some idea of the bacteria hidden in the ground.

The word "germ" has been so often unpleasantly connected with contagious diseases that it is hard to realize what a very important and necessary part the bacteria play in the fertility of the soil. The plowing, harrowing, drainage and all the working of the land facilitate



Photograph by Oregon Agricultural college.

STUDYING SOIL BACTERIA.

States the proper activity of soil bacteria and thus indirectly the growing conditions of the crops planted in it. The illustration shows a student in the bacteriology department of the Oregon Agricultural college studying soil bacteria under the microscope, which is necessary if one wishes to see these minute helpers to the farmer, since it takes about 12,000 placed end to end to make an inch. They are like the rods, most of them, about twice as long as they are wide, and there are thousands of kinds.

Most of them grow best in a soil of open texture, so a hard and compact soil is not as fertile as that which is frequently laid open to the light and air.

FARMING LIKE BANKING.

The plant food in the soil is much like a bank account which is subject to a draft. So long as there is a surplus it can be withdrawn and converted into plants to afford profits for the owner, but as soon as the surplus is used the soil (the banker) must either refuse the draft and cause a crop failure or he must draw on the reserve for future crops, leaving an impoverished account for the present—Farm and Ranch.

Safety Post Holes.

Patent post holes have long been humorously referred to in connection with machines for grinding snuff, left hand wheelbarrows, and other imaginary inventions. It has remained, however, for a Budapest inventor to make what is probably an important improvement relating particularly to post holes, seeking to thus preserve the wood of the posts. Instead of applying preservatives to the wooden post, railroad ties, sleepers or other wood exposed to the action of the earth, he treats the earth which surrounds the wooden post in such manner as to destroy all insect, germ and fungus life by soaking the earth with a suitable sterilizing liquid. The process is termed "persterilization," and is claimed to be especially useful in rural and other remote districts in which it is inconvenient to obtain wood which has been treated with creosote or other preservative—Scientific American.

Handling Ensilage.

There is only one right way to take the silage out of the silo, and that is by two to three inch layers from the top surface daily and keep the upper surface level and solid. Put down all loosened silage and feed it at once and keep chutes, alleys and mangers free from moldy or sour silage.

BE BEST IN SOMETHING.

Every farmer ought to have a specialty of some kind in his neighborhood—not for a season only, but year after year, so that it will be said of him: He has the cleanest yards or orchard or field, the straightest corn rows, the whitest fences, the best laying hens, the loveliest flowers, the coolest shade, the poltiest children, the most papers or magazines or books—the best of something—Farm and Fireside.

HORSES IN COLD WEATHER.

Harm Comes to Them Only When Permitted to Become Wet.

In operating my farm of 1,250 acres I need at least thirty head of horses, says a North Dakota correspondent of Orange Judd Farmer. There is little trouble in keeping them in good condition during the winter. I never have had trouble of any kind. The cheapest feeds are oats and flax straw and native hay with oats as my grain. Every barn should have good ventilation and plenty of light. I always turn all horses out during the day. In the winter they find protection around the strawstacks. This is sufficient to keep them in good condition no matter how cold it is. They are always turned into the lot no matter if the temperature drops to thirty degrees below zero. Providing, of course, it is not storming. Dry cold is not injurious, and it is only when horses get wet that harm results.

Attention should be given to the fitting of harness to colts when beginning to work. It is of great importance that collars should fit snugly, and it is well to see that the shoulders are not bruised. When first beginning work in the spring the work should be light until the team is hardened. During the first day the distance of ten miles traveling is sufficient. This may be increased to twelve to eighteen miles as

soon as the team gets into condition.

Suckling colts should be very well taken care of. The stables should be tight so that no wind gets in through cracks. Light should be admitted through windows. The suckling colts should be kept by themselves during the winter, as the others usually crowd them out of shelter. Colts require more warmth or shelter than work horses or brood mares. When they get wet it is quite serious.

TANNING SKINS.

Directions For Making Best Use of the Pelt of Gun or Trap.

Many a boy who has been successful with trap or gun would be glad to save some of the fur skins secured as a souvenir, or for some purpose, such as making lap robes, rugs, etc. He is quite often prevented from doing this because of the expense when the work is done by a skilled tanner or else by the lack of knowledge of how to do it himself.

There are several processes by which hides may be tanned with the fur on, but the following is about as cheap and handy as any:

Wash the hide in warm water, remove all flesh matter from the inner surface and loose dirt from the hair side. Now wash in strong, rather warm soapuds. The old fashioned soft soap made from wood ashes is best. Either rub by hand or gently on a washboard. As soon as thoroughly cleansed and rinsed, press as much of the water out as possible. Add the following mixture to the flesh side: Common salt and ground alum, one-fourth ounce each, and one-half ounce of borax dissolved in one quart of hot water. When sufficiently cool to work with the hand, add enough rye meal to make a thick paste. Spread the mixture on the flesh side, fold and let remain in a shady, airy place for two weeks, then remove the paste and wash. When nearly dry, scrape the flesh side thoroughly with a dull knife, and rub with the hands until the skin is soft and pliable.—Kansas Farmer.

Handy For Hanging Things.

Farmers will find many places around the barn where a hook to hang things on will be of great convenience. Instead of buying hooks, use wire nails, and if driven as shown in the drawing they will support a very heavy weight. Drive the lower nail first—Farm and Fireside.

Talk problems over with your neighbor and ask his support in building up the schools, improving the roads and in getting the community organized for social and economic betterment.

Among the Chickens.

Don't tie up the top of the grit sack just because the hens are out on the ground. They cannot get out the grit themselves, and what they do get is not sharp enough to do the necessary grinding.

A combination of high roosts and heavy fowls seldom proves satisfactory. Lame birds will surely result. Wide perches, not over two feet from the ground, are the best for the heavy breeds.

One good way to keep insect pests down is to give the birds all the dust they need to roll in. Just try that and see how they will "second your motion" by rolling every day and many times a day.

Dust which is used for poultry should not be left too long in the houses. It gets old and perhaps infested with insects, so that it will defeat the purpose for which it is placed in the boxes.

A flat stone and a hammer are all the tools necessary to manufacture grit from the pieces of broken crockery and dishes which accumulate more or less around every home. The pieces can be pounded fine for chick grit or coarse for the older birds.—Farm and Fireside.

LESSON FROM ALASKA.

Northern Territory Increases Its Potatoes to Yield by Careful Cultivation.

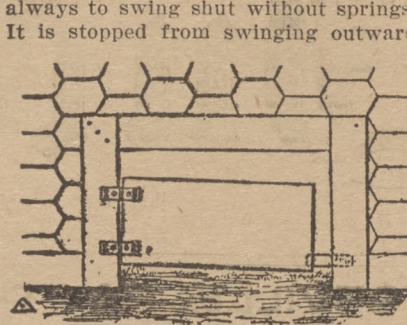
From Alaska comes a lesson in potato raising. The chief of vegetable crop of the territory is the potato, but in order to grow it successfully suitable location as to soil, slope of land and southern exposure has to be selected, and even then to secure a thoroughly mature crop much depends on the variety that is grown and the method of culture. The growing season in Alaska is exceedingly short, ranging during the years 1906 to 1910, inclusive, from 84 days to 107 days, the former occurring in 1910 and the latter in 1907. Under such conditions, therefore, any process that will facilitate the development of the potato after it has been put into the ground is of advantage in helping to secure a mature crop. This was the problem confronting the experiment station in Alaska, according to the annual report for 1910, and a test was made of the effect on the maturity and yield of sprouting the seed before planting it. The seed potatoes were placed in flats in the ground and slightly covered with earth several weeks before planting time and when planted had sprouts varying in length from half an inch to three inches. These were compared in their yields with potatoes that were not sprouted. The results were as follows: The Sitka station tested twenty-two varieties, with the result that sprouted potatoes gave uniformly the best yield. Averaged higher and were better matured than the potatoes raised from the unsprouted seed. At the Rampart station the gain in yield ranged from 21.3 to 73.3 per cent.—Country Gentleman.

TEACH BIDDY A LESSON.

And Cure Yourself of the Hen Chasing Habit by Using This.

Barrels of perspiration may be saved by the poultry game shown herewith, which is reproduced with the article, from The New England Homestead. Whoever has unintentionally acquired the hen chasing, hen cussing habit may cure himself with the little device in the fence, preferably at a point near where the fowls are fed, a light little door about 10 by 12 inches

is hung on the inside of the yard so's always to swing shut without springs. It is stopped from swinging outward!



HANDY GATE FOR POULTRY YARD.

By the peg shown at the right, Mrs. Hen, returning repentant from the garden, will poke her head into every mesh of the fence in her efforts to rejoin her happy companions. The gate will thus allow her to enter without excitement or comment from the lord of the harem or from the irate owner.

But another advantage may be gained by using the gate in connection with the laying pens. If two gates are used, one opening inward in front of the nest, the other opening outward at the back or the side, so that the hens may go into another yard after laying, the poultryman may know which hens have and have not laid. Thus he may avoid the trouble usually connected with ordinary trap nests.

Ending His Suspense. "The widow promised to give me her answer tomorrow. Gee, I don't see how I can sleep tonight!"

"Go to sleep and don't worry, old chap. She told me when I introduced you to her that she was going to marry you."—Houston Post.

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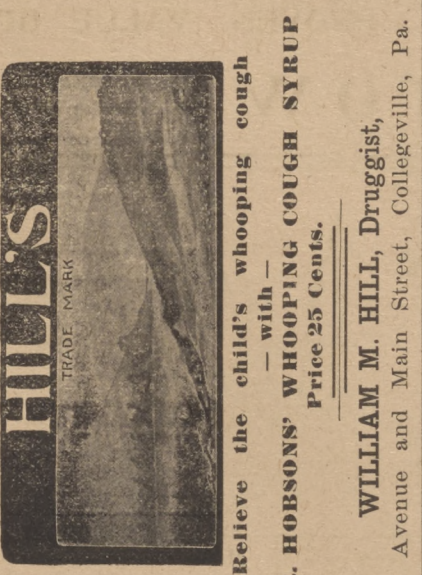
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Almost a Tragedy
A Girl Lost Her Jewels and Received a Shock
By HORACE S. GOULD

A merry house party was assembled in the country residence of Arnold Ridgeway. They were all people who moved in what are called the upper circles, and many of them were rich.

Among the guests were an engaged couple—Langdon Field and Louise Dana. Field, so far as means were concerned, was a self-made man. Born in a wealthy family, he had scarcely emerged from childhood when a crash came in his family affairs. Instead of going to college he had at seventeen taken a position in a mercantile house, determined to restore the family fortune. At twenty-two he had set up for himself and at thirty was considered rich. Then came trouble in his business affairs, and it was a question if all he had striven for would not be lost to him and he would have to begin all over again.

While matters were well with him he had become engaged to Miss Dana. When they were invited to Ridgeway's house party he had told his fiancée that he was needed at his business and must decline it. She told him that he was working too hard and should break away for a brief recreation. After much persuasion she prevailed upon him to accept the invitation, he being largely influenced by the fact that a regret from him would either involve one from her or if she went without him her pleasure would be marred.

It seemed impossible for Field to throw off his anxiety about his business. At any rate, he did not show that abandon to pleasure to be expected from every one of such a party. Louise, noticing this, said to him that he seemed nervous and worried, did everything in her power to turn his mind into

her aside and begged her not to carry out her intention. He appeared so troubled about her doing so that she would have refrained had she not gone so far that her pride would have suffered at a withdrawal. She endeavored to reassure him, saying that the pavilion was as safe as the house.

She was escorted to the sleeping place by a crowd of young people. Field would not be of the party. She was rallied on the spot that she would visit her during the night and the burglar. But it was all banter, for the pavilion was not 100 yards from the main building, and no one dreamed of any danger. Finally they left her alone, returning to the house with shouts and laughter.

There was a dresser opposite the door. Before this dresser Louise stood and took off her jewels, laying them on it till she should go to bed, then began to disrobe. While doing so she saw peering through the transom reflected in the mirror something that chilled her. A part as would save her face, a human face, yet the face of a demon.

It was there but a moment. Nevertheless Louise knew or believed that it had not departed. Gradually she recovered her equanimity sufficiently to play such a part as would save her face. She gave her jewels as the price of her life? It was the only expedient left her. Deliberately she continued her disrobing.

Leaving her jewels on the dresser, she got into bed. Her heart was throbbing, and sleep, of course, was impossible. Wishing to have the ordeal over as soon as possible, she purposely breathed hard as if in slumber. It was not long after this that she heard a faint click from the door—she had purposely left it unlocked and some one stealthily passing over the floor. She kept her eyes closed, but could distinguish that there was a light in the room.

The steps went to the dresser, and Louise could hear the jewels being taken off it. Then the light came toward her, and he who carried it held it closer and closer to her face. It was all she could do to refrain from starting up with a wild shriek. But she maintained herself, keeping her eyes closed as though she were asleep. Though she knew that the light was held down almost against her eyes, for she could feel its heat. Every moment she expected to feel a weapon crashing down upon her. Yet she knew her only hope was to convince the robber she slept so soundly that he was unconscious of his presence.

Then when she felt that she was moving away and the danger had passed how could she refrain from betraying herself by some expression of relief? Still controlling herself, she lay perfectly quiet until she heard a creak at the door and knew the robber and her jewels had passed away from her.

And now with the reaction came a frightful bitterness. It was not that she had been robbed of her jewels. This was nothing compared with another deprivation. The love she had felt for Langdon Field was turned to horror. In the face she had seen reflected from the transom she had recognized the man who was soon to have been her husband.

What next? Should she stay where she was till daylight or get up and give an alarm? In the latter case, if she met her visitor, it would be sure death. Doubtless he had fled. She waited as long as she could, but her desire to go elsewhere, then, arising, put on what clothes she needed and went out. In the face she had seen reflected from the transom she had recognized the man who was soon to have been her husband.

Langdon Field, whose mind had been for some time giving way under the reverse, had at last broken down. Being unbalanced he had conceived the idea that if he possessed his fiancée's jewels he could save himself from financial ruin. He was captured in the city and sent to an asylum. In the face she had seen reflected from the transom she had recognized the man who was soon to have been her husband.

Louise Dana had brought with her some valuable family jewels that she had inherited. On the evening of the party, noticing that her fiancée seemed depressed, she dressed early, putting on her jewels, and, seeking Field, sought to dispel his gloom before the festivities began. When he noticed her jewels his expression changed, and he said:

"You are not going to wear those gems tonight, are you?"
"Of course. Why not?"
"Do you think it appropriate to wear such valuable jewelry except on a grand occasion?"
"If I wait for a grand occasion I may wait some time. I have never yet worn them, and I have long been anxious to do so for the first time."

"Don't."
"Why?"
"For my sake."
"There was something in his expression that puzzled her. She was silent for a few moments, then said:
"Very well. Since you desire it I'll leave them off."

Louise went to her room, took off her jewels and put them away. Coming out into the hall, she met Mrs. Ridgeway.

"What have you done with your jewels?" asked the latter.
"Taken them off."

"Why so?"
"On second thought it seemed to me that they are fitted only for state occasions."

"My dear, go and put them on again. I wish the other guests to see and admire them."

The hostess hurried away, and Louise, not wishing to offend her, returned to her room and put the jewels on again. Meeting Field below, the moment he saw them that same singular pained, almost frightened, expression came again in his face. She was about to explain why she had failed to remove them in the morning when some one recalled her, and when she was again at liberty Field had passed into another apartment.

The dance passed off merrily, being kept up till 2 o'clock in the morning. The guests grew from start to finish, and, as usual on such occasions, all were loath to break up. When at last those who were tired out began to break away a conference took place as to the rooming of the guests.

On the grounds was a pavilion, one room of which was equipped for a bedroom, and it had been arranged that one of the young men, who had come up especially for the dance, should sleep there. He was rallied by some of his sleeping in such a lonely place, to which he replied that it would not trouble him at all to spend the night there, but he didn't believe there was a girl of the party who would dare do so.

Now, Louise Dana was just the kind of girl to take up with such a proposition. A lot of chat followed, at the end of which she offered for a pound of candy, to be given by the bachelors to each and every girl of the party, to sleep in the pavilion. Her proposition was accepted. Going upstairs, she secured the articles of toilet she required. At first she thought she would leave the jewels in her room, but on second thought preferred to take them with her and put them under her pillow. Going downstairs, the party were waiting for her. Her lover took

her aside and begged her not to carry out her intention. He appeared so troubled about her doing so that she would have refrained had she not gone so far that her pride would have suffered at a withdrawal. She endeavored to reassure him, saying that the pavilion was as safe as the house.

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the home of his ancestors. work man being suspended on a certain portion of the building, and there the foreman led him. Removing material from above, the workman had opened a compartment about 2 by 3 feet, supposed to have originally been one of those large chimneys built in former times, and exposed a human head, or, rather, skull. They had reported the find to their boss, who ordered the work stopped and telephoned for the owner.

Fitz Roy was greatly interested. He ordered the walls inclosing the space lowered with every care. It widened at the shoulders of the figure, assuming the proportions of an old time fireplace, the opening of which had been inclosed by a sliding panel four feet in height, the outer side of which had been painted to represent oak. The panel hung on a steel crosspiece and was moved by a steel spring. A brick wall having been built at the opening, covering the panel.

What few hairs remained on the skull were quite long, and around the neck was a lace collar of the time of Charles I. The costume was of that period. The fireplace were arms of the same time, so that there was only standing room for the figure. About its waist was buckled a rapier on the blade of which were stains indicating that it had been last sheathed with blood on it.

The extent of demolition proceeded slowly, Fitz Roy noting every particular. The least disturbance of the skeleton caused parts of the clothing to fall away. The lace collar crumbled first, then the doublet. The most surprising feature was that, while the costume was that of a cavalier of the seventeenth century, the pelvis indicated the wearer to have been a woman.

When a sufficient opening had been made to remove the figure without shaking apart Fitz Roy sent for a casket and had the remains removed to the family vault. There it was put in one of the vacant niches and marked: "Caroline Eleanor Fitz Roy. Disappeared 16—. Body found 19—."

The discovery of this skeleton forms the complement of an unwholesome story. Indeed a story the whole of which was known only to Caroline Eleanor Fitz Roy herself. Leonard Fitz Roy was familiar with all of it that was on record, and, using such light as was thrown from London, its occupants were interested and were cognizant of the opposition of the lawmakers to the royal authority and were greatly incensed at it.

This Caroline Eleanor Fitz Roy was at that time a beautiful girl about twenty years of age, equally for her attractive personality and her loyalty to the king. Many of the young bloods of her time were in love with her, and young Roundheads would doubtless have been equally liable had she been accessible to them. There was one Roundhead, however, whom she had long known. He was Richard Poindexter, the son of a gentleman who on account of some injustice he conceived the king had done him had joined the parliamentary side. Richard up to the time he and his family had taken part against the king was the favored one of all Caroline's suitors. Women are apt to be more violent in their advocacy of a cause than men, and from the moment she learned that Richard had turned Roundhead her love for him seemed to have turned to hate. Just before marching from London with the commonwealth army the form of Prince Rupert he rode to Fitz Roy house to bid her goodbye.

There is little or no record of the interview that took place at that time, but other data indicate that she scorned the young man who had espoused the cause she herself despised. A fragment of a letter she says: "Richard was here today to see Caroline. He rode away sorrowful, while Caroline came upstairs with her cheeks hot, her eyes flashing, and shut herself in her room." That she did not see him again till after the execution of the king is mentioned in the family archives; also that she spurned him as a regicide, accusing him of being equally responsible with the regicides for the king's death. This time when Richard left her he was more angered than sorrowful and told her that he would never see her again.

The loss of her cause, the execution of the king—an event appalling to a headstrong girl who considered the person of her sovereign sacred—the fact of her lover having joined those she considered her enemies, seemed to madden this loyal maiden. Doubtless the chief cause of her wrath was the loss of her lover. There is no evidence that she had ceased to love him notwithstanding that she seemed to hate him. More likely, what appeared to be hate came from the very intensity of her love and the fact that it had been turned to bitterness.

About the time that Cromwell was proclaimed lord protector of England Richard Poindexter's regiment preparatory to being disbanded was encamped on vacant ground a short distance from Fitz Roy house. One afternoon some officers riding into camp met a man rapidly approaching them. He did not see them till he was upon them, then looked up at them wildly. They rode on a few hundred yards, when they struck a wood and one of them noticed a body lying near their path. Dismounting, they found one of their own regiment who had been pierced by a rapier. He was unconscious, but not dead.

Suspecting that the man they had met had caused the trouble, two of the party started in pursuit. They soon caught sight of him and saw him turn into the grounds of Fitz Roy house. Following him there, they came upon his horse. Dismounting, they entered the house and searched every nook and cranny. One was there except two old women and the servants, none of whom showed any excitement. Sure that the fugitive was on the premises, they were reluctant to give up the chase, but since it was impossible to find him they went back and reported the fact to those who had remained with the wounded man.

He had revived and asked eagerly if they had found his enemy. When they said that they had not a look of intense relief passed over his face. A conveyance was sent from the camp. He went to his tent and placed on his cot, where he remained for some time recovering from his wound. When he was able to be about again he left the parliamentary service and, going abroad, entered that of the king. He declined to tell who had stabbed him.

One afternoon Caroline Fitz Roy's horse was noticed nibbling the grass in the grounds of Fitz Roy house. She had not been at home for a day or two, and it was supposed she had returned. But it did not appear. A search was made for her in and about the house, but she was not found. That was more than 200 years ago, and she is still missing.

Poindexter remained a number of years in France. His family in England besought him to return, but he would not.

Finally the story that Caroline Fitz Roy had long been missing brought him home. He seemed greatly distressed at the mystery, but if he had anything to do with the girl's disappearance he never told. In a letter written when he was an old man, in which he referred to the matter, he assumed that she had gone to a foreign country, where she must have died.

One thing about the panel in the demolished house that Leonard Fitz Roy carefully investigated was whether there was any way of opening it from the inside. He found that there was not. He succeeded in supplying sufficient parts of the story to lead him to infer that Caroline Fitz Roy, following some plan or moved by some cause that did not appear, went dressed as a man to spend her lover at or near his camp. They met, and she killed him. When pursued by his brother officers she dismounted and entered the house without being seen by any one of the household and, knowing of the secret passage, went into it to hide. The panel closed with a spring, and she was unable to open it.

Among subsequent alterations the fireplace was bricked up. Quite possibly at the time of her imprisonment she was the only one who knew of the secret passage and the panel by which it was entered.

The story of this girl, sealed for two centuries, is a forcible illustration of those lines in Coleridge's poem "Christabel":
For to be wroth with one we love
Doth work like madness on the brain.

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Mr. Gimp came home from the city the other day and burst into his house with an air that meant business. He smiled when he said to him his wife was out, laid a parcel on the stairs, took off his cap, rolled up his sleeves, took his parcel and went up to the bathroom, where he opened the package. It contained a monkey wrench, a screw driver, half a dozen assorted rubber washers and a pipe wrench.

"Thank goodness, my wife's not home!" said Mr. Gimp. "If there is anything upsets a man it is the foolish questions a woman asks when he is trying to do a job. Plumber! She'd get a plumber to mend a leaky faucet, would she? I'll show her that a man of intelligence can do a job in five minutes that a plumber would take all day to do and charge \$5. Now!"

Mr. Gimp turned the faucet. Not a drop of water came out. He turned the other. It was dry. They were the bathtub faucets, and the far one had been leaking for a week, while Mr. Gimp promised day by day to attend to it.

"Well," said Mr. Gimp as he saw that no water came out of the faucets, "that's more sense than I thought that woman possessed. Turned off the water, did she? Didn't let it run all day when there was no need of it, hey? Now!"

Mr. Gimp took the monkey wrench in one hand and the pipe wrench in the other and climbed into the bathtub. Then he sat on the edge while he studied the faucet.

"Lemme see!" he said. "You take off that handle, and you unscrew that top flange. That's what you do." So he did that. Twice the monkey wrench slipped and he skinned three knuckles, but he got the handle off, and he unscrewed the cap and pulled out the nut that held the washer. Then he peered down into the remaining portion of the faucet and looked at the washer.

The washer seemed in good condition. He peered into the faucet and ran his finger around it, accumulating iron rust on it. If the washer was not broken what could be the matter with the thing? There must be something deeper down. He set his pipe wrench around the pipe and grasped the faucet with the monkey wrench. The faucet held like grim death. The more it resisted the more he pushed and pulled and grunted and said "Gee whizz!"

When the faucet gave at last it gave suddenly, and Mr. Gimp fell over the side of the bathtub and landed with a bump that shook the house. He was up again in a minute and in the bathtub. The faucet was badly mangled, and he was down again in a soft brass, and the nose of it was twisted awry, but the faucet was off. He took the faucet to the window and studied it. Except for the damage he had done it, there seemed nothing the matter with it.

"Some fool plumber," said Mr. Gimp angrily, "has put the wrong sort of washer into this faucet. That's what's the matter, and that's all!"

He picked out a different sort of washer and put it on the plunger. It was not a good fit, but it was a change anyway.

"Now," said Mr. Gimp, and he climbed back into the bathtub. He humped himself down on his knees and looked into the water pipe on which he had to screw the faucet. "Now," he said.

As if that had been the signal, a strong, vigorous stream of water shot out of the pipe and struck Mr. Gimp in the eye. He gasped for breath and tumbled backward. But the stream pursued him. He got up and grappled with the stream.

Unless you have tried to grapple with a stream like that you cannot even faintly imagine the difficulty of giving it a good, self-satisfying grapple. A stream like that will not fight fair. If you put your hand over the pipe the stream will squirt out in forty-two directions. Some of them hit the ceiling. Most of them hit Mr. Gimp. He wrestled silently until the bathroom was well soaked and he was well soaked. He decided that it was better just to let the stream squirt. It squirted into the bathtub anyway. So he got out of the tub and dripped on the floor and paved water out of his hair and wiped water out of his eyes.

And just then the plumber came upstairs again. He had been down cellar to turn on the water after he had fixed the faucet, and it was quite natural that he should come up again to see if the faucet was well fixed. So he came up, and he looked into the bathroom, and he saw the faucet lying in the bathtub among wrenches and water, and he saw the water spurting heartily.

And all he said was, "Well, I'll be darned! Just like that—'Well, I'll be darned!'—he was all he said."—Ellis Parker Butler in Judge.

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